



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

AUGUST 2, 2021

6:00 P.M.

*In Attendance:*

*Mayor Shelby Wright  
Councilor Eric Jarvi  
Councilor Mark Cormier  
Councilor Ivan McPike  
Councilor Allen Esposito  
Councilor Peter Erickson  
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager  
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk  
Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director  
Wayne Boyd, Gen Manager, Pinetree Landfill  
Lisa Jacob, Geologist, Pinetree Landfill  
Other members of the Public*

*Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion:** *Councilor Jarvi moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item K. Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 – 157*

C. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** *Councilor McPike moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 - 158*

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. 07/06/2021 Council Meeting
- b. 07/12/2021 Council Workshop
- c. 07/19/2021 Council Meeting
- d. 07/26/2021 Special Town Council Meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Press Release
- b. Town Manager Scott's letter to the RSU 22 Board of Directors
- c. Town Manager Scott's correspondence email with Peggy Brown, Lafayette Hotels
- d. MRC July 2021 Newsletter

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e. Public Forum August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 at the Town Office – Transfer Station Operations

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. POLICY AGENDA

*Mayor Wright turned the gavel over to Councilor McPike for News, Presentations and Awards.*

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

a. Casella response to the Pine Tee Landfill Public Hearing.

*Wayne Boyd, General Manager for the closed Pinetree Landfill and Geologist Lisa Jacob, spoke in response to the Pine Tree Landfill Public Hearing that was held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Jacob presented an overview of water quality from the 2020 perspective.*

*After public comments and Council questions Councilor McPike turned the gavel back over to Mayor Wright.*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Councilor Jarvi reported on the July 26<sup>th</sup> Special Town Council Meeting.*

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Council consideration on Remote Meeting Policy, *referred from Council Workshop.*

**( Motion** on the floor from the July 26<sup>th</sup> Special Town Council Meeting: Councilor Esposito made a motion to adopt the policy proposed, seconded by councilor Jarvi. Councilor Jarvi moved to amend paragraph 6 of the Draft Policy to read that all votes taken during any meeting, striking a and striking out using a remote method, will be by roll call vote (all votes taken during any meeting will be by roll call vote), seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote 7-0 in favor of amendment.)

*Roll Call Vote on adopting the Amended Policy 6-1 with Councilor's Erickson, Esposito, Jarvi, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor McPike voting in opposition to.*

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H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request for authorization to engage James W. Wadman, CPA as Auditor for FY22.

Town Manager Scott spoke informing that this is a standard yearly authorization for the Council to permit her to sign the contract to engage the Town's Auditor.

**Motion:** Councilor McPike made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to engage James W. Wadman, CPA as the auditor for FY 22, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. Vote by Roll Call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

*Resolution: 2021 - 160*

- b. Discussion on the TDS broadband letter of intent – requested by Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director

*Economic Development Director Amy Ryder presented overview on Broadband and then invited TDS Associate Ron Fournier, Field Service Manager for TDS to the podium to answer questions and provide insight on behalf of TDS. TDS has full intentions of building out fiber in Hampden.*

- c. Council authorization to continue with the municipal broadband model – requested by Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director

**Motion:** Councilor McPike made a motion to continue on with Broadband, Municipal owned and take it to public hearing, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. Roll Call vote 4-3 with Councilor's McPike, Jarvi, Cubberley and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor's Erickson, Esposito and Cormier voting in opposition to.

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I. MANAGER'S REPORT

*I do want to highlight the fact that tomorrow night at five o'clock, here in council chambers, we're having a public forum to invite discussion on transportation improvements, safety issues looking at demo, and looking at the Swap Shop. So, anyone who's interested in that, feel free to come, again here tomorrow night at five o'clock. We're hoping to get volunteers for a committee that we can take ideas back from that forum and sit there and bat out some idea*

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

*Councilor Cormier – No comment.*

*Councilor McPike - Yes. The only comment I have is that I was glad to see that the question was brought back up on the call a question because calling the question just asked us to stop discussion on that and there may be four councilor's who want to continue discussion, so therefore it does need a vote. And I think some of us were under the impression that did not need it, so I was glad that that was straightened out and that we got that voted on.*

*Councilor Jarvi – No comment.*

*Councilor Esposito – No comment.*

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*Councilor Erickson – No comment.*

*Mayor Wright – No comment.*

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION –*removed from agenda.*

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.*

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